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LONDON AND DISTRICT

—Miss Ida McDougall, of Hamilton, is spending a few days in London with her aunt, Mrs. R. Tait.

—The residence of Mrs. Wood, Wolfe street, will be the scene of a talent tea on Friday afternoon, from 3 to 6.

—Mrs. Wm. Bell and her little son Willie, who were the guests of friends in Detroit, have returned home.

—Mr. Frank Harding, of Piccadilly street, city, has been ill for two weeks with a gripe, but is recovering rapidly.

—Rev. Canon Craig, of Christ Church, Petrolia, is to preach in the Church of St. John the Evangelist this evening. The service will commence at 8 o'clock.

—Mr. R. H. Allen, of Chicago, who has been spending a few days as the guest of his mother, Mrs. M. Allen, at 425 Wellington street, city, and of his sister, Mrs. R. S. Morrison, of 610 Dundas street east, has returned home.

BROKE HIS ARM.
Assessment Commissioner John P. Macleod, of Hamilton, who is well known in London, met with a painful accident Monday night that will confine him to the house for several days.

While walking along James street, he fell on an icy sidewalk and broke his arm above the elbow. He was removed to his home, 45 Bay street north, and is doing as well as can be expected. About two years ago he met with a similar accident, falling on a slippery walk and breaking his wrist.

—The remains of the late Mrs. Constance Whitehead were interred at Mount Pleasant Cemetery yesterday. The funeral took place from St. James' Anglican Church, where Rev. Dean Davis conducted the service, assisted by Rev. W. T. Hill, of the Church of St. John the Evangelist. The pallbearers were Messrs. E. De la Hooke, Fred Hammond, Ald. Beattie, Dr. Geo. Wilson, — Douglas and Fred Raymond. Among the out-of-town relatives who attended the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Percy Nelles, Montreal; Mr. E. C. Pratt, Montreal; Mr. Edward Howell, Dante, Ont.; Dr. and Mrs. Cecil Howell, of Melbourne, and Mr. J. H. Nelles, Woodstock.

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The local Scotchmen spent a most enjoyable time at their club room on Tuesday evening, when they held a card party and smoker. About 35 members were present. Euche and pedro were indulged in during the early part of the evening, and refreshments were served later. The programme was impromptu, and was introduced by a short speech by Chief Fraser, who occupied the chair. It was almost entirely made up of Scotch selections. Mr. James Patterson and Mr. Taggie were among those who rendered selections. Speeches were made by Mr. Francis Love, police magistrate, Mr. James Taylor and Mr. J. W. Jones. At an early hour in the evening the gathering was brought to a close by the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

MUSIC CLUB CONCERT

Very Enjoyable Programme Arranged by Mrs. A. D. Jordan.

The programme for the very enjoyable Woman's Music Club recital in the Masonic Temple yesterday afternoon was arranged by Mrs. Albert D. Jordan. One of the most delightful features, and, in fact, a masterpiece of this season's programmes, was the sonata for piano and violin by Cesar Franck, played by Mr. Jordan and Mr. Maurice Poure. The extremely difficult number was played with brilliancy and sympathy.

The following was the programme: Mendelssohn—Songs Without Words, 14, 18, 9, 20.
Frank Lynnes—"He Was a Prince."
Miss Ella Deacon.
Paper—"The Evolution of the Organ."
Mr. Jordan.
Florence Ednah Chipman—
(a) "In Dream."
Charles Deacon—(b) "A Song of Joy."
Miss Emma Kidner.
Cesar Franck—Sonata for Piano and Violin.

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2. Allegro.
3. Recitativo Fantasia.
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LARGE AUDIENCE GREATLY PLEASED

Volunteer Organist Played to a Packed House at the Grand.

An audience which packed the theater from pit to gallery last night turned out to witness the production of "The Volunteer Organist" at the Grand. The play has been seen in London before, and it solidly left a good impression. It is a wholesome play, revealing an interesting story from beginning to end, and it was highly appreciated by the large audience which witnessed it.

"The Volunteer Organist" is a tramp drunk, who grows tired of the primrose path and wanders back to his old town and the Methodist Church, of which his brother is the pastor, in time to find that the choir has gone on strike because the minister has determined to marry the daughter of a local volunteer organist. When the minister calls out the hymn to be sung, there is no response from the organ loft, and it is then the tramp, listening outside in the snow, makes his way into the loft and plays the hymn, "The Palms," while two boys also volunteer their services and sing the number.

The play winds up with everybody doing good, even those who were bad turning over a new leaf.

The cast was a very capable one. Mr. Goldwin Patton, as the minister, was very acceptable. Mr. Fred Campbell, as the volunteer organist, carried his part out splendidly. Mr. John Maynard, as the village grocer, was natural in the role, and Phil McCarthy, as the village factotum, made the best of a very funny comedy role. Miss Grace Barrett, as Florence Malone, the tavern-keeper's daughter, gave an intelligent interpretation to her role; Miss Virginia Fairfax, as Lucetta Barrett, injected a streak of genuine comedy into her part, which kept the house in laughter all evening, and little Viola Savoy, as Jennie Yokem, was both winning and clever. Other members of the cast carried out their parts well.

The singing of the choir boys, Masters Mellor Newman and Willie Nelson, was a feature of the performance. The scenery was excellent.

Professor James Creswell's orchestra won favor with the audience by playing several pleasing popular airs in an artistic manner, the house applauding the leader and his musicians.

"The Volunteer Organist" was the first play presented under Manager Bowers' management here, and he was greatly pleased with the manner in which Londoners turned out to witness the production.

CANADIAN CLUB BANQUET

F. D. Monk and Henri Bourassa May Address Londoners.

A meeting of the literary and arts committee of the Canadian Club has been called for Friday evening next at the office of Mr. S. Frank Glass, the secretary, for the purpose of discussing plans for the banquet.

Mr. Glass has been assured that Mr. F. D. Monk, the brilliant French-Canadian member of Parliament, will attend the banquet. There is also a probability that Mr. Henri Bourassa, another well-known French-Canadian orator, will be present.

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